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DRAFT REPORT OF THE HIGH-LEVEL COMMITTEE

Rapporteur: Mr. Francisco Javier BERGUIDO (Panama)

Addendum

VI. CLOSURE OF THE SESSION

A. Closing statement by the Associate Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme

1. The Associate Administrator congratulated the President on his excellent work in guiding the conduct of the meeting and commended the Bureau for its able support, which had facilitated the work and permitted the delegations to express and exchange their views. He also expressed his appreciation to the delegations for the guidance they had provided during the session on TCDC policies and activities to be carried out in the future.

2. He noted that preparations for the session of the High-level Committee had been preceded by extensive debates and consultations among Governments, the United Nations Development system and international organizations, including non-governmental organizations, on TCDC activities undertaken and ideas to develop new directions for TCDC.

3. He also noted the consultations carried out by the President and the Bureau on political, administrative and financial matters concerning the High-level Committee in support of TCDC activities.

4. The Associate Administrator noted the wide support received on the proposal on new directions and stated his intention to facilitate the implementation of the new mandate as expressed in decision 9/2 of the High-level Committee.

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5. He stated that the decisions adopted at the session of the High-level Committee were not only an adequate and logical continuation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1992/41 and the decisions taken at the eighth session of the High-level Committee, but could also be considered a landmark in revitalizing TCDC. Among the key decisions were the priority issues of the adoption of more strategic initiatives for TCDC, the concentration of activities in relevant areas and the closer integration of TCDC and ECDC.

6. He reiterated the commitment of UNDP to strengthen the resources of the Special Unit to enable it to carry out its responsibilities and to respond to the decision on new directions that had emerged from the session of the High-level Committee.

7. The Associate Administrator had made specific proposals to strengthen allocations to TCDC during the next programming cycle. He emphasized that those recommendations were to be examined by the UNDP Executive Board scheduled to meet in the next few weeks.

8. The Associate Administrator commended the Secretariat for the hard work carried out in support of the session of the High-level Committee and expressed his appreciation to the Director of the Special Unit for Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries and his staff for preparing the documentation and for the services provided to the High-level Committee .

B. Closing statement by the President

9. The President closed the session by expressing his satisfaction with the positive results obtained and the high level of cooperation demonstrated by Governments as well as the United Nations development system.

10. The President noted the positive views expressed by delegations in the realistic and feasible recommendations made in the document on new directions for TCDC and requested the Special Unit for Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries to assist in the implementation of those decisions.

11. The President congratulated the delegations on the results achieved and thanked the Vice-Presidents, the Rapporteur, UNDP and the Special Unit for Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries and the members of the Secretariat for their important contribution to the successful conclusion of the session.